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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants have respectfully reproduced and corrected below the amendment mailed on July 12, 2005 in order to comply with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on July 22, 2005.

In response to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2005, please enter the following remarks. This response is accompanied by five Terminal Disclaimers.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.